

time following the hearing to present additional information or a written closing statement;

(3) The appellant has not timely presented information to the reviewing authority; or

(4) An investigation by the Office of Inspector General is ongoing or a court proceeding is involved that affects the amount of payments a person may receive.

(c) If the deadlines provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are not met, the relief sought by the producer's appeal will be granted for the applicable crop year unless the Deputy Administrator determines that the producer did not follow the farm operating plan initially presented to the county committee for the year that is the subject of the appeal.

(d) An appellant may waive the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

§ 1400.10 Paperwork Reduction Act assigned number.

The information collection requirements contained in this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB control number 0560-0096.

Subpart B—Person Determinations

§ 1400.100 Timing for determining status of persons.

(a) Except as otherwise set forth in this part, for the 1996 program or fiscal year, the status of an individual or entity on July 12, 1996, shall be the basis on which determinations are made in accordance with this part. Except as otherwise set forth in this part, for 1997 and subsequent years, the status of an individual or entity on April 1 of the applicable program or fiscal year, shall be the basis on which determinations are made in accordance with this part.

(b) Actions taken by an individual or entity after the applicable status date set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, but on or before the final harvest date of the last contract commodity in the area, as determined by the Deputy Administrator, shall not be used to determine whether there has been an in-

crease in the number of persons for the applicable program or fiscal year. Actions taken by a person after the status date set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, but on or before the harvest of the last contract commodity in the area, shall be used to determine whether there has been a decrease in the number of persons for the applicable program or fiscal year.

§ 1400.101 Limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, corporations and other similar entities.

(a) A limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other similar entity shall be considered to be a person separate from an individual partner, stockholder, or member except that a limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability corporation, corporation, or other similar entity in which more than 50 percent of the interest in such limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability corporation, corporation, or other similar entity is owned by an individual (including the interest owned by the individual's spouse, minor children, and trusts for the benefit of such minor children) or by an entity shall not be considered as a separate person from such individual or entity.

(b) If the same two or more individuals or entities own more than 50 percent of the interest in each of two or more limited partnerships, corporations, or other similar entities engaged in farming, all such limited partnerships, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, corporations, or other similar entities shall be considered to be one person.

(c) The percentage share of the interest in a limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other similar entity that is owned by an individual or other entity shall be determined as of the status date set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. If a partner, stockholder, or member acquires an interest in the limited partnership, corporation, or other similar entity after such date, and on or before the harvest of the last contract commodity in the